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POLL OF JURY IS FOR T.R.

Lone Talesman Says He Favors Plaintiff When Jurors Are Brought In After All-Night Deliberations in Barnes Libel Suit.

Eleven Favor Verdict For Defendant When Roll is Called—Question of Division of Costs Causes a Deadlock—Jury Sent Back

Syracuse, May 21.—The jury in the Barnes-Roosevelt libel suit came in shortly before 11 o'clock today and the foreman announced that the jury had agreed upon a verdict for the defendant. When the roll was called by the clerk of the court 11 of the jurors said they were in favor of a verdict for the defendant but the 12th, Edward Burns, a Syracuse motor-man, arose in his seat and said:

"I am for the plaintiff." Justice Andrews had been informed before the jury entered the room that a verdict had been found. The spectators were warned that any demonstration would be met with severe punishment. Then the jury was brought in and the foreman made his announcement. After Burns had dissented, Justice Andrews sent the jury back to its room.

Question of Costs. Justice Andrews was informed by the foreman that the jury stood unanimously in favor of a verdict for the defendant in case the costs were split between the plaintiff and defendant.

The jury was trying to decide the question of costs and that alone. It was apparent when the roll was called that some of the jurors were in favor of dividing the costs which at the most could, it was said, amount to less than \$1,000.

The law of libel provides that the loser in a contest must pay the costs of the action. Lawyers said there was no way in which the costs could be divided if a verdict was returned in the event, it was said, of Juror Burns refusing to agree with the majority the costs would be split.

Note Sent to Judge. Before entering the courtroom the jury sent a note to Justice Andrews asking for a conference with him. Justice Andrews informed the jurors they could ask any questions they desired in an open court. The jurors talked among themselves for a minute or so and then announced that they desired to retire for further deliberation.

The note the jury addressed to Justice Andrews was said to have contained this sentence: "A peculiar situation has arisen upon which we request your advice in the jury room."

Col. Roosevelt declined to comment upon publication upon the action of the jury. His counsel said the Colonel was perfectly willing to divide the costs if there was any way in which it could be done. They said the plea is the presence of the defendant, that a verdict was the thing desired regardless of the question of costs.

After an hour of deliberation over costs no word had come from the jury room.

Shortly after 12:30 o'clock a recess was taken until 2 o'clock, with the jury still considering the case in its room.

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BRIDGEPORT IS PAYING 50 PER CENT. TOO MUCH

Lack of Competition Allows Warren Bros. Co. to Make Own Price.

CONCRETE ROADS TO SOLVE THE PROBLEM?

Evils That Grow Out of Intimacy of City Officials With Contractors.

Those who have followed the paving articles in The Farmer know that Warrenite is a mixture of crushed stone and asphalt, upon which the owners have procured a patent. Bitulithic is another such mixture, also patented. There is no end to the millions of ways of mixing stone of various sizes, asphalt, sand, lime-stone and other materials in manners which might be patented.

These pavements belong to a class called under the general name of bituminous concrete. One of them is thought, by most unbiased engineers, to be as good as another, if it is well made.

But if the stone is not properly heated, and if the asphalt is not properly mixed, and the whole properly mixed, if the stone is not spread before the mixture is too cold, if the road bed is not properly prepared, and if the mixture is not laid in a suitable quantity and properly rolled, the road will be inferior.

It is not enough to buy a pavement which would be all right, if it were properly laid. It will not be all right unless the materials are good and the work is done as it ought to be.

One of the dangers of undue intimacy between manufacturers of patented pavements, and the public officials who purchase these pavements is that the public will pay too high a price. Another danger is that the work will be skimmed, and poorly done.

The New Jersey committee, which investigated the relations of certain patent pavement makers, with New Jersey highways found both evils.

The committee concluded that ninety cents would be a fair price for Warrenite, but invariably a much larger price was paid. Roads built where such conditions exist are not likely to stand up well.

It has already been noted in Bridgeport that the Warrenite laid under state supervision appears to be standing up much better than that laid under city supervision.

The New Jersey committee considered the patented pavements of bituminous concrete, and compared them with respect to their work, with unpavemented pavements, and reached this conclusion:

"The unpavemented bituminous concrete pavement of the so-called Toccoa type, it was shown by the testimony, is as good as the patented article and can be built for much less money."

The commission concluded that bituminous concrete two inches thick ought to be laid, with a fair profit to the contractor for 50 cents a square yard. In its own practice the City of Newark was able to lay a better pavement for less money than ninety cents.

The cost of Warrenite in Bridgeport has been nominally \$1.20 a square yard, but practically much more. In 1912 Warrenite pavement was laid on Connecticut avenue from Stratford avenue, from the railroad viaduct foot to 22,693 square yards. The cost was \$1.35 a yard, not including certain expenses borne by the city, as the expense of inspection, the cost of engineering, etc.

In 1913, 7,815 lineal feet, or 20,730 square yards, were laid on Fairfield avenue, from the Stratford viaduct to the city line, at a cost of \$1.30 per square yard not including engineering expenses.

This work had a five year guarantee. At the same time a very small piece of concrete only a few square yards, was laid on Fairfield avenue, at \$2.25 a square yard, not including inspection and engineering. This was probably not an excessive price for so small a quantity.

The guarantee is for ten years. This pavement will probably be found to be much cheaper at the end of ten years, than the Warrenite.

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MAYOR PLACES BURDEN OF STATE TAXES ON NEXT ADMINISTRATION

At the special meeting of the board of apportionment this afternoon to consider the \$10,000 deficiency in the accounts of the board of charities, Mayor Wilson made no recommendation for the laying of a special tax to pay the mill and a half state tax which is due and payable in November, and for which the board of apportionment has made no provision.

Before the meeting Mayor Wilson hinted he might not ask for a special tax but would probably let this tax go over for another year. The mayor's term expires this November and there is more than a possibility that he is serving his last term. If no provision is made for the state tax this year the tax rate will not be increased during the term of this administration but it will be greatly increased during the first year of the next administration, when a tax of three mills to cover this year and the coming year must be levied.

The net grand list for 1915 is

GANG OF SLAVERS HAD HER

Little Petrino Girl's Story is Corroborated By Investigation of Police and Physicians—Was Prisoner in Ansonia Lodgings.

Man Who Had Casual Acquaintance Lures Her To Outskirts of City Then Forced Her to Board Late Trolley For Another City.

Startling facts in connection with the kidnapping of Mary Petrino aged 16, daughter of Pasquale Petrino, 240 Lexington avenue, from this city on May 2, came to light this morning involving the actions of a "cadet" believed to belong to a well organized band of white slavers who at least temporarily made headquarters in this city.

That Mary Petrino did not voluntarily leave this city on the first Sunday in May, as at first intimated by the police yesterday, but was forced on a car at Stratford and Seawall avenues by threats of death, was carried to Derby and thence to Ansonia, where she has since been kept a prisoner at No. 7 and 22 Front street, almost under the eyes of the Ansonia police, leaked out today.

With capture in sight of the man alleged to have taken the Petrino girl from this city and officers of the Bridgeport police department in that city waiting to take both man and girl into their custody, "bait" occurred which resulted in the Bridgeport officers returning to this city.

Later Pasquale Petrino, not satisfied that the chase should be given up, waited an opportunity and braving the danger that might have been offered by the gang, went unannounced into the house where his daughter had been detained a prisoner and brought her back to this city. Investigation by the authorities here show that the young girl has been confined in a room, and has escaped a life of shame by the merest chance.

In explaining matters today to Superintendent Birmingham, Detectives Petruschell and Bray signify the belief that the girl was shown by the testimony, as good as the patented article and can be built for much less money.

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HOW THE G. O. P. BOSSES PLAN TO BUNK THE PUBLIC

Special Election Will Disclose Startling Series of Questions.

NO CHANCE TO PUT THE OLD RING OUT

"Heads We Win; Tails, the Public Loses" Is the Scheme of Referendum

Mayor Wilson's administration has prepared a remarkable form of ballot for the forthcoming referendum election, on June 12.

"Heads, we win; tails, you lose" is the underlying principle. The question at issue is the change of Bridgeport's government from its present form to the commission form.

Two years ago, with many issues on which the loyal members of the grand old party were likely to split, there was much agitation engineered by the Republican leaders, on the proposition of inaugurating an era of spotless government here under the commission form.

It sounded so good to the voters that man of them forgot all about the raids on the city treasury of an extravagant administration, and they voted the Republican ticket, thinking the leaders were sincere.

ITALY'S DECLARATION OF WAR ON AUSTRIA IN PREPARATION; ENVOYS PREPARING TO LEAVE

Seven European Nations, Exclusive of Portugal, Will Be Arrayed in War Against Teutonic Allies Within Few Hours, is Belief in London—German Diplomatic Interests Assumed By Swiss.

KITCHENER, IDOL OF ENGLAND AT OPENING OF WAR, FLAYED AS CAUSING CABINET CRISIS

London, May 21.—One of the most remarkable features of the ministerial crisis in Great Britain at the present moment is the sudden outbreak, more or less severe, of newspaper attacks upon Field Marshal Earl Kitchener, the British secretary of war, who at the outbreak of the war was the nation's military idol and was loudly proclaimed by these same newspapers as the only man in the country for the position of war secretary.

The Daily Mail and other newspapers under the same ownership have been most violent in these attacks even going so far as to call in question the military genius of the field marshal. The Daily Mail says:

"It never has been pretended that Kitchener is a soldier in the sense that Field Marshal Sir John French is a soldier. Kitchener is a gatherer of men and a very fine gatherer too; but his record in the South African war was as a fighting general apart from his excellent organizing work as chief of staff, was not brilliant."

Nothing in Kitchener's experience suggests that he has the qualifications required for conducting a campaign in the field and we can only hope that no such misfortune will befall this nation as that he should be permitted to interfere with the actual strategy of this gigantic war."

Proceeding to accuse Lord Kitchener of having "ordered" the wrong kind of shell, the Daily Mail asserts that "despite repeated warnings that a high explosive shell was required, Lord Kitchener persisted in sending shrapnel such as he used against the Boers, thus causing the death of thousands of British soldiers and incidentally bringing about a cabinet crisis."

After lauding the military strategic skill of Sir John French and his chief of staff, Sir William Robertson, the Daily Mail adds:

"If by any chance Kitchener went to France to conduct the campaign we should, probably, have a costly object lesson in the difference between African and Russian warfare."

The newspaper says in a less outspoken manner seek to reduce Lord Kitchener's value to that of a good recruiting officer or they excuse him on the ground of being too much occupied in producing recruiting advertisements to attend to the supply of proper ammunition.

FREDERIC GALLATTIN, JR., POLO STAR, DIVORCED FOR INFIDELITY

Frederic Gallatin, Jr., polo player, wealthy clubman and member of one of New York's most exclusive families, was divorced by Emily Trowbridge Gallatin this afternoon when Judge Williams of the civil superior court granted a decree. Mrs. Gallatin alleged infidelity and had a number of petticoat snatches from a New York society to prove her charge.

Mrs. Gallatin, who is young and attractive, wore a blue suit, a large black hat, tan shoes with white spats. She testified that her country home is in Noroton. Last year she suspected her husband after she opened a letter addressed to him. The letter was from a Miss Hammond who said Miss Morgan wanted the \$25 Gallatin had promised to pay her.

"Be a dear," wrote Miss Hammond, "and send me a check for \$150, which will cover everything." Mrs. Gallatin discovered that her husband had spent about \$900 on flowers and jewelry for his feminine friends. He sold some of her securities before she found out what he was doing. The young wife accused Gallatin of the misdeeds and he admitted he had been unfaithful. The couple were married April 24, 1902, the ceremony being a notable society event.

William A. Keyser, a detective, related how he had followed Gallatin on two occasions last December. The defendant left the exclusive Union club with a male friend and went to a house at 44 West 49th street, where two women were waiting. After about an hour the party came out and went to Rector's where they had numerous cocktails.

The woman with Gallatin was tall and slim and was gowned in gorgeous silks, the detective said. The party left Rector's at 1 a. m. and went to 9 West 46th street. They were still there when the detectives were called. Other detectives told the same story.

AURILIO, RELEASED RIFLES CHARITIES IN NEW YORK, TO BE GIVEN HEARING

Will Be Arraigned in Superior Court on Burglary Charge.

Antonio Aurilio procured his temporary release from a New York jail yesterday through the efforts of counsel. He arrived in Bridgeport late last night and was seen upon the streets today. His attorney, Henry Greenstein yesterday made representations to the district attorney's office that resulted in Aurilio being released upon recognition of a friend to appear at the trial of two men now held on the charge of conducting a depot for stolen goods in this city. It is believed that the trial of Aurilio for the robbery of the Brunswick pool parlor, Harry Quinn's cafe and the Challenger news store will be begun in the superior court within a few days.

Takes Day Off To Sell Brass He Took From His Employer

Chasmer Japowowski, 163 Hallett street, employed by the Ashcroft Manufacturing Co., after continuous service with the company for a long period of time took a day off this morning and went to visit a junk man on the East Side, displaying brass ingots, weighing about 100 pounds. After considerable dickering he was willing to sell them for a ridiculously small amount. The police were invited to attend the sale with the result that the prisoner will face a charge of theft in the city court tomorrow. It was discovered that the ingots, valued at considerable money, were stolen piece by piece from the factory where he was employed.

MR. AND MRS. BILTON GREET FAMILY ADDITION.

A bundle of joy entered the family of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence E. Bilton of Nichols, today when a ten pound baby boy was born. Mr. Bilton is president and treasurer of the Standard Manufacturing Co. of this city and his friends will rejoice today in the knowledge that both mother and son are doing well.

The American Transatlantic Co. of New York is reported to have purchased the Danish steamer Gotland, a vessel of 2,128 tons, now lying at Buenos Ayres.

Death of Stendahl Boy Accidental, Is Opinion of Garlick

Medical Examiner, S. M. Garlick completed his investigation today into the death of Earl Stendahl, five years old, residing at North avenue, Stratford, granting permission for the removal of the body from the Bridgeport hospital. It is likely that no inquest will be held by Coroner Phelan as the medical examiner finds no circumstances that point to causes other than accidental burning.

The Stendahl boy was playing near a bonfire in Stratford yesterday afternoon, and attempted to ignite a pile of paper in the flames. The blaze caught the child's clothes and his entire body was enveloped in fire.

WAR DECLARATION SOON

Paris, May 21.—The Havas Agency publishes a despatch from Rome which says: "The Messaggero" declares that the council of ministers will meet after the session of the Senate and that the ministers probably will draft a form of declaration of war against Austria-Hungary."

Vatican Envoys Leave

London, May 21.—In a despatch from Rome, the correspondent of the Exchange Telegraph Company says: "Premier Salandra this morning obtained the royal signature to a decree suspending the diplomatic immunity of the Austrian and German ambassadors to the Vatican who leave tomorrow."

Look For Ultimatum

Geneva, May 21.—An ultimatum from Italy to Austria may be expected today and a declaration of war before the end of the week, according to information received here from Rome.

SEVEN NATIONS OF EUROPE NOW WAR AGAINST TEUTONS

London, May 21.—It is universally conceded in England that Italy, from today, enters into full partnership with the entente powers and this means that the two Germanic nations, Austria and Germany, find themselves facing seven European powers, not counting Portugal, with Japan in the background.

How long the Balkan states will refrain from joining in the fray is not exactly known but it is held here that this period of time must of necessity be comparatively brief.

The demands for compensation, territorial and otherwise, of Rumania, Bulgaria and Greece are in process of arrangement according to persons in London who are well informed. Just at present the excessive claims first put forward by these states are being cut down.

Already reports are coming from Greece of more cordial relations between the coasts and former enemies, Venizelos, which can only point in one direction. "Gallipoli armies" already are in process of formation in some of the Balkan states and the title sufficiently indicates the proposed scene of her activities.

Nothing yet has leaked out as to where the first Italian blow will be struck. Judging from previous experience, when the occasions for censorship were far less momentous Italy probably will now put into effect a system of supervision over information that will stand as a striking object lesson in many ways to the comparative amateurs in this field, Great Britain and France.

Military observers here are of the opinion that the Italian advance will be thrown to ease the tremendous Germanic pressure bearing against them. The fighting south of France is so intense that in some quarters in London it is considered possible that "strategy may dictate the abandonment" of the fortress.

CRIMMINS DIVORCE Fight To Be Waged In Court June 8

Testimony of a startling nature is promised for June 8 in the civil superior court, when the contested divorce suit of Lillian Holmes Crimmins, Jr., son of John D. Crimmins, one of the wealthiest citizens of New York, has been assigned for trial. The case was specially assigned this morning by Judge Williams.

Mrs. Crimmins brought the action several months ago on the ground of habitual intemperance. Crimmins' answer to this was a denial and, backed by his father's millions, he will fight the suit to a finish. The couple were married November 25, 1903, and have two children, John D. Crimmins, 3rd, aged ten, and Holmes Crimmins, aged six. Mrs. Crimmins' maiden name was Lillian Holmes. She was a well known society girl.

Hand Cut By Pump. John Nelson, an employee of the postal service was cut while using a disinfecting pump in the post office building today. A deep laceration of his right hand was stitched at the Emergency hospital.

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